

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are inadequate and demonstrate that Beltway experts are for hire. Surely you must have noticed the poor coverage of news and politics since the restrictions on the number of media outlets in a given market have been relaxed. Further media concentration is not in the public interest.

Our democracy deserves better use of the public airwaves.

As Commissioners you have the obligation to represent the PUBLIC INTEREST rather than the corporate media.

The appearance of corruption in the FCC is enhanced by limiting public hearings to Virginia only. Surely you must understand that everyone will be affected by the concentration of the media monopolies.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process. Perhaps you can muster a little backbone and stand up to Powell.

Thank you,

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